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Wednesday, May 21, 1969, 7:30 P.M.  
Northwest National Bank - Community Room  
Walnut Hill Shopping Village  
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

PROGRAM: (Not available at press time)

SPEAKER: Andrew LAW

## ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR:

AUSTRIA, Y21, Gold, UNC (Restrike)	\$7.25 ea.
" Y25, Gold, PROOF, (Restrike)	28.00 ea.
" Y42, Gold, UNC (Restrike)	7.00 ea.
GREECE, Y49-52, 1966, UNC	1.65 set
GUERNSEY, 5 & 10 Pence Decimal Coins, UNC	.80 set
GUYANA, Y1-5, 1967, UNC	1.60 set
LIBYA Y6-11, 1965, UNC	1.80 set
ROMANIA, Y107-111, 1966, UNC	2.00 set
TONGA, Y11-14, 1967 Coronation Set, UNC	15.00 set

All Coin Orders must be in by May 26th.

BOOK: "Report of Committee to Research World Coinage  
Types and Varieties" - by NI-GCTA members,  
126 pp, 10 pp plates, continuing supplements:  
(only 29 copies left) \$2.00 ea. Postpaid

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## EXTRA COINS AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO MEMBERS:

5 -- FORMOSA, Y19-20, 1967, UNC (Reduced)	\$ .25 set
1 -- UGANDA, FAO Crown, 1968, UNC	1.35 ea.

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## OUTSTANDING COIN ORDERS LISTED IN PAST BULLETINS:

Feb. 1968 -- Finland Y62; Philippines 1967 Set  
Sep. 1968 -- Egypt-UAR Y105; Iraq Y6; Iraq Y13-14  
Oct. 1968 -- Sarawak Y21  
Dec. 1968 -- Gambia Y1-6; Zambia Y9-13  
Mar. 1969 -- All Bulgaria  
Apr. 1969 -- All outstanding except Mongolia

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APRIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Members #321-329  
published in the April Bulletin have been admitted  
to membership.



MAY APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by June 1, 1969, their membership will become effective that date:

- 330 Cecil R. COX, 317 E. Market St., Warrensburg, Md. 64093  
(World Types)
- 331 Charles K. PANISH, P. O. Box 57, Saugatuck Station,  
Westport, Conn. 06880 -- (Islamic & Indian States)
- 332-MT Bob WHITESITT, 2249 S. Brentwood, Brentwood, Mo. 63144  
(Japan and Puppet States)
- 333-MT Fred DROST, 110 Ridgefield St., Meriden, Conn. 06450  
(World Types and Paper)
- 334-MT A. HOCH, 3296 W. 127th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44111  
(World Types and Ancients)
- 335 Edwin L. ROTHFUSS, Mammoth Cave, Kentucky 42259  
(World Crowns)
- 336 Michael E. LYNCH, 7422 Wentwood Drive, Dallas, Tex. 75225  
(MT - Will trade by mail)

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: As you note, this month's Bulletin features a 2-page article on "Singapore Merchants' Tokens", illustrated by one full page of hand-drawn plates. The page of plates was made from an original copy which we reproduced by high-speed Xerox. The cost of this process is nominal, about 1¢ per copy, or a total cost of about \$3.50 per club mailing. We can also reproduce photographs, with reasonable success; maps; paper money; and many other items. The limit we can go to is not known yet as we will be learning through experience. Now that we have this process available, it is planned to have an illustrated feature article in each bulletin, if possible. As a result of the additional work involved in preparing these articles, we would like to announce that Patrick "Pat" D. HOGAN has been appointed to the job of Assistant Bulletin Editor. His job will be working with members desiring to submit illustrated articles; assisting them on artwork, whenever requested; making photographs of coins for the article; final editing and processing of the article and any other assistance he can render.

This will be an immense improvement in our bulletin and the service is available now, so let's everyone get busy and submit some articles or ideas to Pat for future bulletins. If you have a story to tell and don't know just how to go about illustrating it, Pat will be more than happy to assist you in any way he can. All articles or correspondence concerning publication of illustrated articles should be addressed direct to Pat. His address: 614 So. Johnson St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240. DO NOT SEND THIS MATERIAL TO THE CLUB ADDRESS AS IT WILL ONLY HAVE TO BE FORWARDED.

## CHINESE STRUCK COINAGE

by Jack E. Lewis

The "Final Report of the Committee to Research World Coinage Types and Varieties" contains what is, in my opinion, the best available listing of all major types of Chinese Struck Coinage.

For several years the beginner and the advanced collector both struggled with the limited listing of Chinese coins in Yeoman's "Modern World Coins". During the compilation of the "Final Report", Pat Hogan and myself attempted to give a more comprehensive listing of the Chinese coins. This listing has proved so popular that to my certain knowledge, two dealers are now using "Hogan numbers" for Chinese items and one specialist has made out his want list using these numbers.

We are fortunate that in addition to this list, there are other stirrings of interest in the Chinese area. Wayne Jacobs of Collectors Research in Montreal has started one of his informative series which will cover the coins of China.

John A. Novak is beginning a "Working Aid for Collectors of Machine-Made Chinese Coins", which is sponsored by the Institute of East Asian Numismatic Studies, and which will be first published in forthcoming issues of "CASH On The Line". John has asked that all persons interested in this field render their assistance.

John has sent NI 100 copies of the 61st issue of "CASH On The Line" to be distributed to interested members. This 61st issue has a very informative identification guide which will be of assistance to both the beginner and the advanced collector.

This guide will be sent, post free, to the first 100 members of NI that request it. Since we do not have sufficient copies for all members, we ask that only those interested in China request the book, and that you limit your request to one copy. If you like, you may request this book by entering it on the order slip that is enclosed with this bulletin. I thoroughly recommend this guide to all those interested in China coinage.

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REVIEW: "The OBOL" - A bi-monthly informative Numismatic Price List:  
Published by Obol International, P.O. Box 907, Oak Park, Ill. 60301.  
\$2.00 per annum (\$5.00 airmail overseas). Vol. II, No. 6 (Nov-Dec. 1968), 14 pp. -- (This bi-monthly magazine is devoted to articles and information on ancient, medieval and modern numismatics of the Balkan areas.)

Specifically, this issue contains part 3 of an article by Michael Anderberg on patterns and proofs of the Balkan States. Part 3 covers the patterns of Yugoslavia. On Page 54 are some opinions on an earlier part of Anderberg's series on the Bulgarian essays by Drs. K. Nedeltchev and G. I. Faprikoff. Part 4 of a 4-part series on the copper coins of King Othon of Greece (1832-62) by S. Gardiakos is a mintage list of the 10 lepta coins (Craig #9). This article describes the varieties of the coins mentioned by Craig. A review of Spajic's "Paper Money of the Yugoslavian States" completes the articles of interest in this issue. Back issues are available.

The magazine is recommended for the general collector as well as those with special interests in Balkan coinages. -- Pat Hogan

NEW ISSUES WITH ASSIGNED YEOMAN NUMBERS AND NI ESTIMATED VALUES:

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TENTATIVE CATALOG NO. &amp; ISSUE</u>	<u>ESTIMATED NI VALUE</u>
AUSTRIA:	Y122 50 Schilling 1969, Silver, Comm. 450th Anniv. Death of Maximilian I	\$3.50 <sup>425</sup>
BELGIUM:	Y67 10 Francs 1969, Nickel (Fr. or Fl.)	.75 ✓
EGYPT-U.A.R.:	Y127 5 Pounds 1968, Gold, Comm. 1400th Anniversary of the Koran	-- ✓
GERMAN DEMO- CRATIC REPUBLIC- (EAST GERMANY):	Y18 5 Mark 1968, Copper-Nickel-Zinc (German Silver), Robert Koch. Comm.	5.00
	Y19 10 Mark 1968, Silver(.625 Fine), Johann Gutenberg Commemorative	10.00
	Y20 20 Mark 1968, Silver, Karl Marx Comm. (Note change in previously announced number assignment.)	15.00 <sup>18.50</sup>
GUERNSEY:	Y13 5 New Pence 1968, Copper-Nickel	.40 <sup>30</sup>
	Y14 10 New Pence 1968, Copper-Nickel	.60 ✓
JORDAN:	Y19 ¼ Dinar 1968, Cop.-Nic., FAO Issue	-- ✓
LEBANON:	Y25 10 Piastres 1968, Nickel-Brass	.30 <sup>30</sup>
	Y26 25 Piastres 1968, Nickel-Brass	.50 <sup>4</sup>
	Y27 50 Piastres 1968, Nickel	.75 <sup>30</sup>
	Y28 1 Livre 1968, Nickel, FAO Issue (Note change in previously announced number assignment for Y27 and Y28.)	1.25 <sup>1.30</sup>
SOMALIA:	Y6 5 Centesimi 1967, Brass	.25
	Y7 10 Centesimi 1967, Brass	.40
	Y8 50 Centesimi 1967, Copper-Nickel	.65
	Y9 1 Scellino 1967, Copper-Nickel	1.00
SOUTH KOREA:	Y4a 1 Won 1968, Aluminum	.15 ✓
TUNISIA:	Y58 ½ Dinar 1968, Copper-Nickel	-- ✓

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NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST: An up-to-date membership list is included with this Bulletin. This list will be updated annually in May, therefore it is recommended that members keep on file names and addresses of subsequent applicants during the next 12 months.



BOOK REVIEWS - by Jerry Remick, Box 183, Quebec 10, P.Q., Canada

"British Copper Coins and Their Values" by P. J. Seaby and Monica Bussell, Sixth Edition, 1968-1969, 112 pages, illustrated, 12 shillings (\$1.44 U.S.). Published by B. A. Seaby Ltd., 61-65 Great Portland Street, London W1, England:

This pocket sized book is similar to the previous edition except that most prices, especially for those of coins in the higher grades, show a noticeable upward trend.

The book covers the coins of the British Isles struck in copper and in other base metals. Included are the coins of England, Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, Lundy Island, Guernsey, and Jersey. Excellent photographs of all type coins are given. Major die varieties are listed. All coins are priced in one to three conditions. Proof specimens are listed and priced. Patterns are not given.

It is interesting to note that coins in copper and other base metals were first issued only a few centuries ago in the British Isles. The first copper coins for England were issued in 1613, 1466 in Scotland and 1640 in Ireland. The book starts with these first issues and continues to the coins of the present day.

The valuations for most low to moderately priced coins in extra fine condition have nearly doubled in many cases and those for fine and very fine have risen about 50%.

The book has a hard cover and is printed on glossy paper 5 x 7 inches. It is the most detailed catalogue available on the copper coins of the British Isles and the recognized standard reference on these coins. It is highly recommended to all collectors of this field.

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"A Catalogue of Telephone Tokens of the World" by Paul Targansky, 1968, 27 pages text, 7 pages of photographs, mimeographed. \$3.00 US from Mr. Paul Targansky, 46 Northwood St., Meriden, Conn. 06451, USA:

This mimeographed booklet on 8½ x 11½ (letter size) pages lists all the known telephone tokens of the world. Seven pages of photographs illustrate the obverse and reverse sides of over 250 of the 450 telephone tokens described in the booklet.

A four page introductory section explains the symbols used throughout the booklet for the shape, size, type of edge, material composition, etc. of each token. General valuations of the tokens are given.

The remaining 23 pages list the telephone tokens by country, 15 pages for the United States and 8 pages of other nations.

Mr. Targansky has made a lifetime study of communication, parking and transportation tokens. His ANA membership is 15193 and his CNA membership is 159, so one can see that he is not a newcomer to the field of numismatics. Mr. Targansky should be congratulated for his excellent listing of telephone tokens and for his initiative in printing this data himself. Other collectors could well follow Mr. Targansky's example and share their knowledge with others in the hobby.

BOOK REVIEWS - by Jerry Remick, Box 183, Quebec 10, P.Q., Canada

"The Scottish Coinage (with supplement)" by Ian Halley Stewart, 1967, 215 pages and 22 plates. 70 shillings (\$8.40 US). Published by Spink & Son Ltd, 5-7 King St., London, SW 1, England (Released May '68):

The first 181 pages are a reprint of this standard work on the entire coinage of Scotland. The 1st edition was published in 1955. A supplement of 31 pages has been added, listing errors, corrections and new data which brings the 1st edition up to date. 22 pages of photographs of 304 type coins are included at the end of the book. This is not a priced catalogue and mintage figures are not given.

These 181 pages are divided into 2 main sections. The 1st section of 127 pages traces the development of Scottish coinage in several introductory chapters and then that of each Scottish king. These chapters give interesting and detailed descriptions of the designs, the translation of the Latin mottos, and the historical setting for the various coins and rulers.

Five appendices make up the last part of the 181 pages. The listing of the Scottish coins by date and ruler given in appendix 2 will probably be the most used portion of the book by the average reader. This is the only book to give a complete listing of all Scottish coins. A chart showing the mints which struck coins for each ruler is given as well as an extensive bibliography and a good index. A map on the inside front cover shows the location of the 25 mints which struck coinage. This book is not only highly recommended to all interested in Scottish coinage, but to numismatists who want to read a highly interesting account of the development of Scottish coinage.

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"LES MONNAIES DU CONGO, DU RWANDA, DU BRUNDI 1887-1968" by Jean de Mey, 1968, 27 pages, illustrated, 50 Belgian Francs (\$1.00 US), Published by Jean de Mey, 58 rue de L'Association, Brussels, Belgium:

This booklet lists all dates and mintage figures for all denominations of coins issued for Belgian Congo. The inscription Congo Belg, Ruanda-Urundi appeared on the coins from 1952-1960 and Republique Democratique du Congo from 1965 to the present. Also included are the three coins issued by Katanga, those issued by Rwanda and Burundi (1960-1963), the Republic of Rwanda (1964 to date) and the Kingdom of Burundi (1965 to date).

Photographs of all type coins are given as well as the diameter in mm, the metallic composition, and the weight in grams. Valuations are given for each coin in Belgian francs for uncirculated specimens.

The text is in French but the book is self-explanatory for those not understanding the language. The book is 5 x 7" and has a stiff paper cover.

This book is an excellent guide for collectors wanting to form a complete date series of the coins of Belgian Congo and its later subdivisions. The date series is not a long one.

## SINGAPORE MERCHANTS' TOKENS

by Patrick D. Hogan

A group of merchants' tokens are cataloged in "Coins of the World, 1750-1850" by William Craig. COW follows the example of Atkins and Friedberg in cataloging these as issues of various Straits states coins. Pridmore calls them Singapore tokens and it is clear that these are issues of private sources.

Though earlier researchers have furnished various statements regarding the semi-legal status of these tokens, it was H. Leslie Ellis who furnished the definitive outline of these in his treatise, "British Copper Tokens of the Straits Settlements and Malay Archipelago", Num. Chron. of 1895.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries a need for small change arose amongst the merchants of the Straits areas, spurred by the increased trade with the Spice Islands and Sumatra.

The East India Company had introduced their currency in their settlements in Sumatra between 1783-1804, but apparently in insufficient amounts. In order to fill this need for small change, the British merchants issued copper coin of their own.

Values of 1 or 2 "keping" were issued intended for the encouragement and convenience of trade with the native peoples of Malays, Sumatra and the more distant Borneo and Celebes.

These tokens are listed in COW under the general headings of "Malay Peninsula" or "Netherlands East Indies". It would seem that a separate heading would be more apt, "Singapore Merchants' Tokens".

The first attempt to take up the slack after the last issues of the EIC was the ISLAND OF SUMATRA copies (C-28, 28a). These bear the EIC arms with enough modifications to allay any charges of counterfeiting. The most notable difference from the regular issue is the replacement of the legend EAST INDIA COMPANY with ISLAND OF SUMATRA. Slight changes can be found in the motto beneath the Arms, which on the copies is merely a series of letters, untranslatable. The weight of the pieces is much reduced. Though dated 1804, this date is meaningless, for they were struck later and continuously.

Scholten lists a piece with the error SUNATRA, which gives us a clue for the next stage of the evolution of this series, the so-called "Labuan" pieces, inscribed ISLAND OF SULTANA. These are actually a further attempt to allay forgery charges. No such island exists with this appellation. And Labuan, to which it is linked, was not acquired until 1846! These "Sultana" issues show us that the tokens have a common origin and a common function. One issue, C-2, has a common reverse with the "Malacca" issue of C. R. Read of Singapore, C-203, and one of the legends is written in Bougi script which is translated, "Land of Bougi", which points out that the tokens were meant for use in trade between Malaya-Sumatra and Celebes. Celebes is the principle "Land of Bougis" .

Our attention is now turned to the "Cock" tokens of "Malacca". None of these pieces bear inscriptions denoting Malaccan origin specifically. Rather the principle inscription says, "Tanah Malayu", or Land of the Malays.

SINGAPORE MERCHANTS' TOKENS - by Patrick D. Hogan (Cont'd)

Leslie Ellis points out that the land that embraces all the Malay peoples not only includes the peninsula, but also Sumatra. In fact, Malays was settled by migrating Sumatrans. Thus, these peices can be considered to have been intended for use in both areas and were struck in England at the request of Singapore merchants.

The next step by the merchants speculating in these copper tokens was the attempt to circulate them into the native states of Malaya and Sumatra, with more specific names of localities on them. However, a few of these in the new series bear all-embracing names. Menangkabu is found on one issue, C-90,91. This is a name for an old Malayan kingdom which embraced Sumatra and parts of Malaya. A second issue is not listed in COW bearing the legend "Tanah Malayu" (Scholten-993). Another piece has the legen "Pulu Percha", C-145,6. This is translated "Island of Sumatra", and therefore, cannot be attributed to any such state as "Perchta". These three are clearly trade tokens intended for free circulation throughout the Indies controlled by the British.

Apparently at the same time pieces were issued with the names of the various native kingdoms upon, probably in an attempt to unlock the trade of these states. They are all prefaced with the word "Negri" which means "state". The issues bear the names of Peraq, Salangor, Trengganu, Atcheh, Deli, Siak and Tarumon. A peculiarity of these pieces is that they bear the two dates 1247 (1831-32) and 1251 (1835-36), only. An issue of thes series was also made for Celebes, C-5, with purely Bougi legends, dated 1250 (1834-35). The obverse, pictured on the right in COW, up-side down, reads "Tanah Oegi" (land of the Bougi) and the reverse bears the value, "Seoewa doewi" (one doit). These dates are meaningless, though they give us a clue as to the approximate date of their inception. The coinage was forbidden in 1848.

Mention must be made here of the Sarawak piece of J. Brooke. It is considered to be just another attempt to continue the "speculators" keepings. It also bears the date 1247 (1831-32) though it has an AD date of 1841. Leslie Ellis reveals that, "The present Rajah (C. Brooke) informs me that he knows nothing of this token...".

Also listed by Leslie Ellis are Siamese tokens which are undoubtedly of this series. One piece bears an elephant and the date in Siamese 1179 (1835). The second piece has a lotus pad replacing the elephant, with same date. The title in Siamese is translated "Muang Thai" (Land of Siam). Since these weigh 66 grs., it is surmised that they are also 2 keepings, the average weight of these pieces, even though that denomination is foreign in Siam. They were probably intended for use in peninsular Siam, (LE-36,37).

That these pieces were actually a circulating media of exchange, there is no doubt. But so were various other merchants' tokens, of Australia, The British Isles, etc., which are not classified as coins, but as tokens. The only difference is that, save in one instance, the Read token, these pieces of numia do not bear the names of the merchant firms.

The plate shows the principle types of tokens with Craig-numbers and Leslie Ellis-numbers. The diameters of the pieces are about the same, whether of 1 or 2 keeping value. The latter are thicker.





Common Reverse  
Dates 1219, 1247  
+ 1251 and 1211  
"1/ Sat-Keping/date"



Common Reverse  
Dates 1247, 1251  
"2/Du Keping/date"



Common Reverse  
with Bangi Script  
"Wanocwa Tana Sedi  
Keping"



"Bantam Cock" obverse  
"Tanah Malaya"



Tanah Malaya  
C- — LE-34  
Scholten 993



Menangkabu  
C-90.91 LE-26



Pulu Percha  
C-145-146 LE-18-21



Negri Atcheh  
C-16 LE-22-23



Negri Deli  
C-60 LE-30-31



Negri Peraq  
C-251 LE-15



Negri Selangor  
C-301 LE-16



Negri Siak  
C-160 LE-32-33



Negri Taruman  
C-185 LE-24-25



Negri Trengganu  
C-351 LE-17



1179 "Muang Thai"  
C- — LE-37



obv.



"Malacca" C-201 LE-40-41  
with or w/o N-W  
عدل = 'Adl (Justice)

